

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

**FROM:**       **EMIL A. MARZULLO**, Director  
                    Special Districts Department

**SUBJECT:   INITIATE THE DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA 77 (CSA 77)  
                    MARIANA RANCHOS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 77 (Mariana Ranchos), adopt Resolution No. 03-\_\_\_\_\_ initiating proceedings and requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to dissolve County Service Area 77 (Mariana Ranchos).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** County Service Area 77 (Mariana Ranchos) was formed in 1974 when property owners in the area voted in favor of increasing their total cumulative ad valorem property tax in the amount of \$1,113. These additional funds were to purchase asphalt material (cold mix) so that volunteers could do minimum road patching within the district. To date, the current annual revenue received from CSA 77's share of the ad valorem property tax is \$2,365. The increase in the ad valorem property tax has not kept up with inflation and the taxes generated are not sufficient to maintain the districts' 5.5 miles of badly deteriorated desert mix roads. The roads in this area have deteriorated to the point that they have become a safety issue and a liability. Special Districts Department staff held numerous meetings with the districts' 3 member advisory commission to determine several options to repair the roads.

In November of 2002, a survey was mailed to the property owners providing them with three options: a road grading option, a road paving option and the option to dissolve the district. Additionally, a public information meeting was held on November 19, 2002 to discuss these options. The survey was mailed to two hundred and one (201) property owners, and forty-three (43) responded. Of those forty-three (43) responses, thirty-three (33) were in favor of dissolving the district and ten (10) were in favor of paving. No one responded in favor of the road grading option.

With approval of this item, CSA 77 will apply to the Local Formation Agency Commission (LAFCO) for dissolution of the district. State law requires that all formations, reorganizations and dissolutions of county service areas must be approved by LAFCO. LAFCO will then review the application and make their determination.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This action has been reviewed by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski) on March 24, 2003, and by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst) on March 21, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** County Service Area 77 will request LAFCO to waive their application and other fees for dissolution based on the district's low revenue source. Any fees not waived will be paid for by the County Service Area 77 budget (SOR-475). Disposition of any residual funds remaining in the district budget will be brought back to the Board for approval at a later date, in the event LAFCO approves the District dissolution.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First

**PRESENTER:** Emil A. Marzullo   387-5950

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